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Curtis,

I've got some concerns about the government's discovery productions. We just received new documents (about 1,100 documents) yesterday that contain a substantial amount of information that would have been needed to conduct a full deposition of Patty Hall and Crystal Ferguson. Were these the documents that the government had previously lost—or are there still missing/deleted emails and documents? We have not completed our initial review yet, but I see quite clearly that this seizure went up to National and that they pulled the plug on the entire perishable goods seizure on March 2, 2015, yet it subsequently went forward. I don't believe that's consistent with Crystal Ferguson's testimony, but it is also something I would have wanted to explore in more depth with her and that we were never notified of. There are also references to missing ICS Histories and filling in ICS Histories after the fact, which appears to confirm the issue I raised about my suspicions of missing or manufactured ICS History entries.

We also learned in Crystal's deposition that she had been using her personal, non-government issued phone to text about the case and that she sent information related to a then-non-public case (Mii's) to others in the IRS that were not authorized to receive such information about a taxpayer (i.e., protected information). Does your office intend to investigate these improprieties? I believe that we have a right to know this. I understand that DOJ will likely be reluctant to take any steps to initiate a criminal investigation if it would harm an important government witness, but these appear to be pretty serious violations.

This is also particularly concerning because Crystal testified that she had not taken any steps to safeguard her text messages, and that she had not ever been asked to produce them. As you know, I have specifically requested all text messages in our discovery requests. Please update me on this and on what steps are being taken—and have been taken—to secure such text messages from all relevant persons. I am very concerned about this - the combination of this information going missing and the internal IRS emails that were previously considered missing leads me to seriously question whether all of the relevant documents have been produced.

Finally, I have one other very serious concern. During Ms. Ferguson's deposition, she stepped out of the room with her DOJ attorney. They were in the same room as my assistant and did not leave that room, and Ms. Ferguson intimated to her attorney that she had not told the truth in her deposition. If the government is aware of any false testimony whatsoever—or testimony that was not fully forthcoming, as is required under the oath that she took—I believe that it has an obligation to inform me and to take steps to correct that. Would you please advise on this?

Thanks,

Jason





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